

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** By **VICE CHAIRMAN ROD BITNEY**, on January 14, 1999  
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Rod Bitney, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. David Ewer, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)  
Rep. Roy Brown (R)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Tom Dell (D)  
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)  
Rep. Toni Hagener (D)  
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)  
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)  
Rep. Mark Noennig (R)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Cindy Younkin (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Chris Ahner, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

**Staff Present:** Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch  
Kimberly Walkenhorst, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB210, HB99, HB204, HB192,  
1/14/1999

Executive Action: HB99, HB210

**HEARING ON HB210**

**Sponsor's Opening Statement:** Rep. Royal Johnson  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.5 - 6.6}

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Jennifer Krueger, City of Columbia Falls  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.7 - 7.3}

Gary Hall, Mayor of Columbia Falls  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.5 - 9.6}

**Opponents:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.1 - 14}

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Royal Johnson  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.1 - 14.6}

**HEARING ON HB99**

**Sponsor's Opening Statement:** Rep. Toni Hagener **EXHIBIT**(loh10a01)  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.3 - 19.8}

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.2}

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Toni Hagener  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.4 - 21.1}

**HEARING ON HB204**

**Sponsors' Opening Statement:** Rep. Jim Shockley **EXHIBIT**(loh10a02)  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.2 - 26.8}

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents:**

Scott Wyckman, Justice of the Peace in Gallatin County

**EXHIBIT**(loh10a03)

**{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.2}**

Johnny Seiffert, Justice of the Peace in Carbon County

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.9 - 8.2}**

Charles Brooks, Yellowstone County Commissioner

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.4 - 10.5}**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

Rep. Bookout-Reinicke requested a fiscal note.

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.7}**

Exhibit submitted by Rep. Cindy Younkin. **EXHIBIT**(loh10a04)

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16}**

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Jim Shockley

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.6 - 23.5}**

**HEARING ON HB192**

**Sponsor's Opening Statement:** Rep. Joan Andersen

**EXHIBIT**(loh10a05)

**{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.2}**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Kenneth Willett, University of Montana Campus Security Director

**EXHIBIT**(loh10a06)

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.2}**

Stasia Gerrells, Legacy Legislature

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.4 - 5.5}**

Lyn Halvorsen, Bridger Police Department **EXHIBIT**(loh10a07)

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.7 - 17}**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

Bill Flanner, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Association

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.2 - 21.4}**

**Informational Testimony:**

Greg Noose, Law Enforcement Academy

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.4}***

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.5}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Joan Andersen

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10.1 - 10.9}***

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Orr moved that HB99 be adopted as amended. Motion passed unanimously, 18-0. Rep. Ahner and Rep. Kitzenberg voted by proxy.

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.5 - 11.8}***

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Noennig moved that HB210 be adopted. Motion passed unanimously, 18-0. Re. Ahner and Rep. Kitzenberg voted by proxy.

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.7}***

Rep. Bookout-Reinicke moved that HB204 be tabled.

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.5}***

Rep. Lawson moved that we adjourn.

***{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.3}***

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

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REP. CHRIS AHNER, Chairman

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KIMBERLY WALKENHORST, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (loh10aad)